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Entitled: *Method and Apparatus for Improving the Dynamic Range of Laser  
Detected Ultrasound in Attenuative Materials*  
Applicant: Lockheed Martin  
Inventors: Thomas E. Drake, Jr.  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the following:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3)
- ☒ PTO Form 1449
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 13052:35.

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